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1 February 1957

Memorandum for: The Director

Subject: House resolution establishing investigative authority of House Committee on Armed Services (H. Res. 67).

This memorandum is for information only.

1. H. Res. 67, attached, has been reported out by the Rules Committee and will come up for a House vote on Monday, February 4th. As a result of a special session of the Rules Committee yesterday, the members have agreed to support a Floor amendment to strike the proviso on lines 16 through 19, page 2. Although this proviso appeared to relate only to the Research and Development section, it was intended to relate to the entire bill, and would have resulted in a situation where any Committee member or staff member could conceivably block legitimate activities of another committee by simply announcing an intention to make an investigation.

2. Bob Smart informed me this morning that the Resolution will pass with the proviso stricken, but also with the Armed Services Committee investigative jurisdiction limited to the Department of Defense as proposed by the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee is adamant on leaving CIA out of this bill, on the theory that it has pending before it a number of proposed resolutions for establishing a joint committee on Central Intelligence. According to Smart, the next step on this front will be the disposal by the Rules Committee of these joint committee resolutions. If they are voted down, as Smart still considers likely, the Armed Services Committee jurisdiction can be clearly established. Whether this would take place through some formal House action or otherwise cannot be determined at this time. Smart does not feel that the events of the past few days will have any important effect on the likely disposition of the joint committee resolutions.

3. I talked to Bryce Harlow yesterday after the Director had talked to General Persons. He is seriously pursuing this matter with

his contacts on the Hill.

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4. For the time being, we have been advised by Smart and Harlow to refrain from any direct contact with the members on this issue.

/s/ Norman S. Paul

Norman S. Paul
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1 - Col. Grogan

2 - Signer

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85TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 67

[Report No. 14]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 1957

Mr. VINSON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

JANUARY 30, 1957

Reported with amendments, referred to the House Calendar, and ordered to be printed

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RESOLUTION

- 1 *Resolved*, That effective from January 3 4, 1957, the
2 Committee on Armed Services, acting as a whole or by sub-
3 committee, is authorized ~~and directed~~ to conduct a full and
4 complete investigation and study of all matters—
5 (1) relating to the procurement, use, and disposi-
6 tion of materiel, equipment, supplies, and services, and
7 the acquisition, use, and disposition of real property,
8 by or within the Department of Defense, ~~the Central~~
9 Intelligence Agency, the Federal Civil Defense Ad-
10 ministration and the National Advisory Committee for
11 Aeronautics;
12 (2) relating to the military and civilian personnel

1 under the jurisdiction of the Department of De-
2 fense, ~~the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Civil~~
3 ~~Defense Administration and the National Advisory~~
4 ~~Committee for Aeronautics;~~

5 (3) involving the laws, regulations, and directives
6 administered by or within the Department of
7 Defense, ~~the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal~~
8 ~~Civil Defense Administration and the National Advisory~~
9 ~~Committee for Aeronautics;~~

10 (4) involving the use of appropriated and nonap-
11 propriated funds by or within the Department of De-
12 fense, ~~the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal~~
13 ~~Civil Defense Administration and the National Advisory~~
14 ~~Committee for Aeronautics; and~~

15 (5) relating to scientific research and development
16 in support of the armed services: *Provided, That the*
17 *committee shall not undertake any investigation of any*
18 *subject matter which is being investigated by any other*
19 *standing committee of the House.*

20 The committee shall report to the House (or to the
21 Clerk of the House if the House is not in session) as soon
22 as practicable during the present Congress the results of its
23 investigation and study, together with such recommendations
24 as it deems advisable.

25 For the purpose of carrying out this resolution the com-

1 mittee or subcommittee is authorized to sit and act during
2 the present Congress at such times and places within ~~or~~
3 outside the United States, whether the House is ~~in session,~~
4 has recessed, or has adjourned, to hold such hearings, and to
5 require by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testi-
6 mony of such witnesses and the production of such books,
7 records, correspondence, memoranda, papers, and documents,
8 as it deems necessary. Subpenas may be issued under the
9 signature of the chairman of the committee or any member
10 of the committee designated by him, and may be served by
11 any person designated by such chairman or member.

Amend the title so as to read: "Resolution authorizing the Committee on Armed Services to conduct a full and complete investigation and study of all matters relating to procurement by the Department of Defense, personnel of such Department, laws administered by such Department, use of funds by such Department, and scientific research in support of the armed services."

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By Mr. VINSON

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